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FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH "BETTI" FLORES PLEADS GUILTY IN CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD EL PASO COUNTY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this afternoon former El Paso County Commissioner for Precinct #2 Elizabeth "Betti" Flores pleaded guilty to charges defining her role in six conspiracies to defraud El Paso County. More specifically, Flores was charged with committing mail and wire fraud and depriving citizens of the right to honest services.

Appearing before United States District Judge Frank Montalvo in El Paso, Flores pleaded guilty to a six-count Information filed this afternoon by the United States Attorney's Office. Four of the charges are conspiracy to commit mail fraud and the deprivation of the right to honest services; the remaining two charges are conspiracy to commit wire fraud and the deprivation of the right to honest services.

As a result of the plea, Flores faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine per count. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

This investigation—conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation—continues. Assistant United States Attorney Debra Kanof is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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